CLAIMS

1. An immunostimulatory oligonucleotide that is represented by the general formula 5'-Gm-GACGATCGTC-Gn-3' or 5'-Gm-CACGATCGTG-Gn-3' (in the formula, m and n are each independently an integer from 1 to 9 and m+n=10) and that comprises any of the following base sequences:

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GGACGATCGTCGGGGGGGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 1),
GGGACGATCGTCGGGGGGGGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 2),
GGGGACGATCGTCGGGGGGGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 3),

10 GGGGGGGACGATCGTCGGGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 4),
GGGGGGGGGACGATCGTCGGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 5),
GGGGGGGGGGACGATCGTCGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 6),
GGGGGGGGGGGACGATCGTCG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 7), and
GGGGGGGGGGCACGATCGTGG (SEQ. ID. NO.: 8)
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- 3. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1 or 2 comprising as an active ingredient an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide comprising a base sequence set forth in any of SEQ. ID. NO.: 1 to 8.
- 4. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1 or 2 comprising as an active ingredient an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ. ID. NO.: 7.
- 5. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1 or 2 comprising as an active ingredient an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide comprising a base sequence set forth in any of SEQ. ID. NO.: 1 to 8 and further comprising an immunomodulating factor.

6. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 1 or 2 comprising as an active ingredient an immunostimulatory oligonucleotide comprising the base sequence set forth in SEQ. ID. NO.: 7 and further comprising an immunomodulating factor.

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7. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 5 or 6 wherein said immunomodulating factor is an antigen or an adjuvant.